

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on January 19, 2005
at 9:30 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Carol Lambert (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 296, 1/14/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 296

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:28 REP. MIKE JOPEK (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 296, Allow municipalities to impose the local option gas tax -- expand use of tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:47 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities & Towns, Inc.

00:09:24 L. Harold Blattie, Assistant Director, Montana Association of Counties

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[EXHIBIT\(tah14a02\)](#)

00:13:49 REP. BUTCHER questions Witness Blattie

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:24 Ronna Alexander, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association

00:21:38 Cary Hegreberg, Executive Director, Montana Contractors' Association, Inc.

00:24:39 Gail Abercrombie, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:35 REP. McALPIN

00:29:26 REP. FACEY

00:31:06 REP. WISEMAN

00:33:31 REP. COHENOUR

00:36:44 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:34 REP. MIKE JOPEK (D), closed the hearing on HB 296.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:15 A.M.

00:39:57

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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